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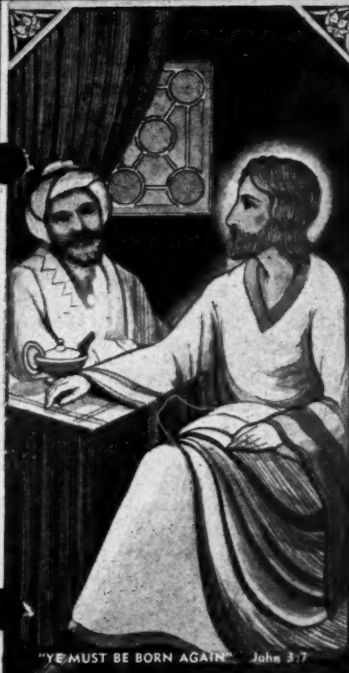
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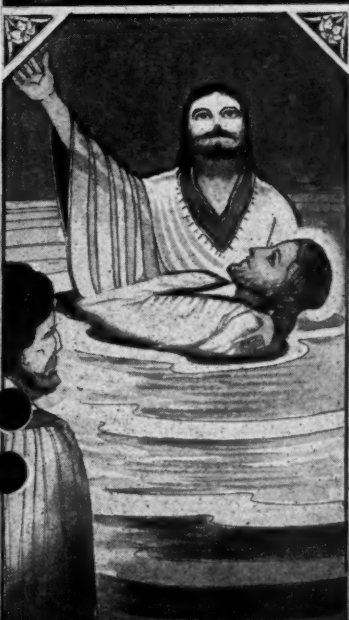
By FAITH BUSH

(Dedicated to my little white-haired mother, Maggie V. Shull, Dewey, Okla.)

The Rock stands high above us,
The tempests rage and roar,
The thunders roll, the lightnings flash,
Yet all is well with my soul.
The ominous clouds tell of storm so near,
The billows angry roll,
Soon break with volcanic force
Against my very soul.
The night is on, terror reigns,
The demon forces strike blow by blow,
Like an avalanche of hell they sweep me,
Yet all is well with my soul.
My moorings, will they break?
My cable, will it hold?
To the end of life's way, Rock of Ages for aye,
It is well, it is well with my soul.



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



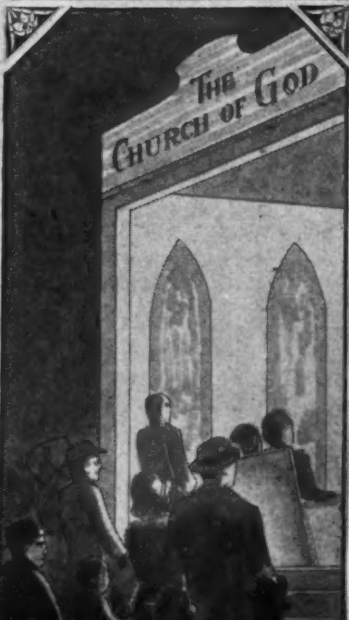
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER PSALMS" Eph. 5:19



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR"



To whom it may concern: This is to certify that F. A. Todd is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—E. W. Williams, overseer of North Carolina.

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We are in a revival at Crumley's Chapel, Heflin, Ala., with Brother W. H. Preston, the pastor. We have with us my mother and Sister Oneida Williams. There are prospects for a great revival and we desire your prayers that souls will be saved.—Brother Joel D. Brown, Rt. 2, c/o W. H. Preston, Heflin, Ala.

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We will have home-coming at the Church of God at Rutherfordton, N. C., the third Sunday in August. All neighboring churches are invited to come. Come praying and bring a well-filled basket and look for a high day in Zion. We are expecting a mission offering. Brother Delk of Candler and Brother G. L. Jones of Canton are especially invited.—Roy L. Davis, pastor, Rutherfordton, N. C.

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We are in a revival at Forest, La. The Lord is blessing. Three prayed through to victory Saturday night. Pray much for us and pray for my body.—C. W. Kendall of Mississippi.

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There will be all day service at the Cantwell Church of God, Cantwell, Mo. Aug. 20, with dinner on the ground. Come and spend the day with us. There will be some good singing and preaching. We are looking for some good singers from the state of Illinois to be with us. We will be looking for you.—G. W. Messer, Box 25, Desloge, Mo.

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We are in a revival with Evangelist Dewey Haire of Colquitt, Ga. in charge. The Lord blesses in almost every service. Please join us in special prayer that the Lord will give us souls in this place, it is a hard place.—Ira J. Lee.

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We will have all-day singing the first Sunday in August. Brother Otis L. McCoy will be with us, also Brother E. J. Boehmer and the orphanage quartet. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.—J. P. Gibson, 556 Lame St., Rockmart, Ga.

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To the Y. P. E. and Sunday School of Mississippi: If you have run out of report blanks, please order from the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn., as we haven't any on hand.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 1102, Hattiesburg, Miss.

We are starting a revival at Kinsfolk Ridge Aug. 13 with Sister Helen Dial of Flint, Mich. as evangelist. Please pray for this place that God will give us a great harvest of souls. This is a small band but we have some true blue Church of God saints who are really on fire for God. If you desire a blessing from God, stop over sometime at Kinsfolk Ridge and you will receive a hearty welcome and a refreshing shower from heaven, for God is real in our services.—M. C. Lacefield, pastor, Braggadocio, Mo.

34TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OCT. 11-15

We feel that the Assembly Committee made a wise choice when they selected the great city of Atlanta, Georgia, for the next meeting place of the General Assembly.

Atlanta is well prepared to entertain such conventions. At this writing the Missionary Baptists are holding their World Congress here. There is possibly twice as many of them as there will be of our people attending the Assembly, and Atlanta is not crowded.

Atlanta is a meeting place of the great highways. It is notable for its many hotels and rooming houses. The restaurants are as cheap as you will find in any city. You can get good meals for 25c, some places, of course, are higher and some cheaper. Many rooms will be available for 50c for two persons in private homes and rooming houses, but everybody cannot get rooms at this price. Hotels will range from \$1.00 and up.

The Auditorium is very fine and well located, has comfortable seats, good public address system and air conditioned.

There is a welcome awaiting every Church of God minister and member. For further information in regard to entertainment you may write the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who is our local pastor here, W. T. Nelson, 1030 Lucile Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga. He will be on the job and ready to help you.—John C. Jernigan, Manager of the Assembly Publicity Committee.

I am in a meeting at Ninety Six, S. C. Eighteen have received the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. This town is stirred. Please pray for the success of this meeting.—Myrtle Whitehead, Ninety Six, S. C.

NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING AUGUST 19-26

The North Florida camp meeting will convene in the city of Lake City, Fla., August 19-26. I hope you are making your plans to be there. The big tabernacle has been built only two years, but there

seems to be quite an interest in that section and I believe we are going to have a great time this year. I was up there a few days ago and found a new cottage going up. There is plenty of camping space, so you may bring your camping tents and trailers if you desire. Brother J. W. Sullivan is expected to be in a revival at the local church in Lake City at the time for the beginning of the camp meeting and he will do the evening preaching during the camp meeting, D. V.

I hope every minister who possibly can will be with us and help to make it a success. A letter from Brother Messer in Miami states he is planning on being there. Begin praying now that the Lord will give us the greatest time we have ever had in this part of the state. Let us come with a desire to do something for the Lord and see precious souls weep their way to Calvary. The most needed thing in all this world is real soul winning. We should not be satisfied just to hold our own in our churches. God, place real soul burden upon our hearts until something really happens in our midst. For further information write, L. B. Hammond, Lake City, Fla.—E. M. Ellis.

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To whom it may concern: Anyone wishing to contact us, we are now preaching in the state of Virginia. Our permanent address is 1002 S. Rosina Ave., Somerset, Pa.—Russell and Dortha Ford, evangelists.

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We are in a revival on Sunflower river near Darlove, Miss. God is blessing; conviction is on; people are praying through in the old time way. We need your prayers.—Mrs. Addie Mooneyham, Houston, Miss.

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I am ready to carry the gospel to any place. Give me a call. I am a Church of God member and spreading His Word.—Malcolm H. Moody, Box 541, Dillon, S. C.

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Announcing again the grand opening of the new church at East Chattanooga next Sunday. All-day service, dinner on the ground. Come and bring a well-filled basket.

Revival to start Sunday night, D. B. Yow in charge. Please pray for the success of the meeting. You are welcome.—E. E. Winters, pastor.

LOUISIANA CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

Will convene at the Shepherd Fold church on Lee Road, seven miles from Covington, La., Aug. 18-27. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, will be in charge of the convention Aug. 24-27. Brother A. H. Batts of Rome, Ga. will do the night preaching during (Continued on page 12)

Tobacco

BY W. T. TRUETT

I feel impressed to write this article on tobacco as I was a tobacco salesman for over twelve years, selling to retail and wholesale stores, as well as consumers. I was paid a large salary, car furnished, all expenses on car, hotel expense and all other necessary expense to go out and sell a popular brand of tobacco to the stores, and advertise it to the public. Through newspapers, billboards, window trimmings, posters, samples and many other numerous ways we tried to get this brand advertised thoroughly to the public.

I was so well sold on my product that I believed it was just what the manufacturers advertised it to be. I averaged smoking two hundred cigarettes and a box of fifty cigars a week, besides the chews I had once in a while. I figured my tobacco bill was sixteen dollars a month, this is tobacco only. Think of it! One certain brand has increased several million dollars and billions of pounds since 1934 and is still increasing every year. The American people are selling their souls for a pot of gold and a puff of smoke and are being dubbed into believing the malicious lies which the American tobacco trusts are spreading before the people of our nation on billboards, and our respectable newspapers all over America allow the tobacco trusts to advertise the misrepresentation and misstatement of the truth in order to make our youth believe that by smoking a certain brand of cigarettes you will have better complexions, or if you want steady nerves, smoke a certain brand; or if you have a cough, it's because you do not smoke a certain brand. That's untrue and I want to say to the American tobacco trusts, all newspapers which carry cigarette advertisements, and anybody else who is making big money at the expense of the bodies and minds and souls of our boys and girls, you are not telling the truth.

Over half of the millions of dollars spent in America to get people to make cigarettes is spent in advertising and broadcasting, and some of the most disgusting publicity is coming out over the air representing the great virtues of the use of tobacco and what a satisfying radio program a certain brand has. Some time ago there appeared in a newspaper a full-page advertisement, picturing a beautiful mother with a cigarette in one hand, making statements to delude the girls to smoke cigarettes. What business does a mother have to give such advice? When I see a woman smoking I think of divorce courts, a childless home and a godless woman. I think of a future man,

lungs gone, wind gone, weak heart, yellow fingers and one of the crowd without a chance to compete with his superiors who had the courage to say "No" to a popular fad.

Dr. C. L. Barber of Lansing, Mich., states: "Sixty per cent of all babies of cigarette-smoking mothers die before they reach the age of two, due primarily to nicotine poisoning. A baby born to a cigarette-smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth."—*Homeland Messenger*.

Dr. Sinclair Bowen, prominent Washington, D. C. physician, is quoted in the *Evening Star* in November, 1937, as follows: "Sixty per cent of the children of women who smoke excessively are either born dead or die in their first year."

Another physician, one of the leading Washington obstetricians, if not the most eminent local specialist in this brace of medical practice, invariably refuses to take charge of any confinement case

where the prospective mother is cigarette addict.—*The Methodist Herald*.

Dr. Stockes says tobacco is a vicious poison and most injurious to the human system. Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison waged a war against the use of tobacco and were supported by some of the largest employers of labor in the country. They realized the effect it had on the working class.

Then some say, "Tobacco doesn't hurt you." David Jordan, president of Stanford University, once said, "Boys who smoke are like wormy apples that fall from the tree before they are ripe."

I should like to have the space to quote what the outstanding coaches of the United States have to say about the use of tobacco in the training of a strong athlete. Suffice it to say that one of the strict requirements is "NO TOBACCO." Thousands of our prominent doctors all over the world, specialists in their classes, have written upon the detrimental influence of cigarette smoking on boys and girls. The *Literary Digest* in 1905 came out strong in its stand against the use of
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Let Your Moderation Be Known

BY BILL COOK

"Let your moderation be known," Phil. 4:5. This scripture by Paul, the great teacher, was of vital importance then and is now. There is no doubt that he had to deal with extremists just as we have them today.

In this modern age the ministerial body, as well as the conscientious laity in the Church, are confronted with slackness in our Church life and practices and many, of course, call it keeping up with the times and its changes. That time changes is without question, but the teachings and tenets of the Bible are the same. Dispensations have changed but God's Word from the beginning has never changed.

Let us say here in these words, let your qualification be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand. Now we believe the Lord is at hand and even at the doors, in our generation. Often we say, "He may come before daylight," and at every Assembly I have ever attended the words have been said, "If the Lord tarries."

Now moderation and modesty seem to blend so well that they cannot be separated. We are now in that day when some of our preachers are pouring out a hefty verbal cyclone on the short sleeves, short dresses, low necks and rolled stockings so fashionably worn by many of our Church women today, but I have my first time to hear a preacher say a word about our men folks in their failure to

comply with the teachings of the Bible concerning modesty. I have seen men in the Church of God going around their premises where everyone could see them without a shirt and sometimes with nothing on their torso at all. I have also seen preachers so clad more than once and have heard of other preachers doing so in my rounds when in the evangelistic work.

There is not much qualification or moderation in a Holy Ghost man, whether preacher or not, going around setting such an example before the world. From the standpoint of holiness it is a very poor pattern. I say it is the devil's pattern, it surely does not belong to God.

Again, the preacher says the women dress so thinly, it is often the case that their clothing is not shadow proof. Truth! But he never has noticed that woman's husband's trousers being so thin that his case is much the same as the wife.

I am a man short of stature and weigh over two hundred pounds most of the time and if anyone would have a right to complain about hot weather, which is the "excuse," I would, but I manage to go through the entire warm or hot season wearing a shirt and none the worse for wear.

If we, as a Church, make an issue concerning clothing, let us have a two-sided issue. What is good for the woman is good for the man in matters of this nature.

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EDITORIALS

SATAN

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered for to devour her child as soon as it was born," Rev. 12:3, 4.

When our forefathers were deceived in the garden, Satan did the work of deception. He left the garden and became the prince of the air. He is referred to as the old serpent called the devil and Satan. He began to take on heads with the rise of the Gentile nations that persecuted the Jews. Jesus also referred to him as the prince of this world.

In Daniel's prayer to understand the vision that God had given him, Gabriel was dispatched to explain the vision to him. It is said that the prince of Persia hindered him three whole weeks, but Michael went to Gabriel's help. This wasn't the ordinary prince of Persia that it took two archangels to quell, but a mighty ruling prince, a subordinate of Satan, placed over the kingdom of Persia. Dan. 10.

When John first beheld Satan he was standing behind the woman. He was not persecuting the woman but was persecuting or after the man-child. After the man-child or the raptured saints are taken up, there will be war in heaven. Satan will try to prevent the saints from entering heaven. There will have to be war to rid the air of demons so that the saints can get to their appointed place. There will be no place for the saints' safety in the air when it is filled with demons. While these demons are invisible yet they will surround the saints.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his

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angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time," Rev. 12:7-12.

Satan is the prince of the powers of the air. His throne is in the air, so he with all his host shall be cast out of the ethereal heavens down to the earth. The Lord knows that there will be no pleasure for the saints in the air surrounded by the demon hosts. Doubtless every demon in the universe will assemble to surround the saints, but the Lord calls for His angels and casts the wicked spirits down to the earth. Then there is a voice that says, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, for he knows he hath but a short time."

The tribulation period will last seven weeks but at the beginning of this period the devil is cast down to earth and he will work many hurtful things and cause much suffering and death to the inhabitants, especially to the Christians who fail to go in the rapture.

This awful being, with the demons that he commands, will especially work against those who profess to be Christians. The Jews will suffer at his hands because as a nation they will not be in the rapture, but God will seal 144,000 at that time and Satan will not be able to touch them. Rev. 7:4-8. But he will greatly torment them and all the saints.

He will put forth every effort to deceive and turn the people from God.

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ," Rev. 12:13-17.

After the rapture the woman flees to the wilderness and she is kept a thousand, two hundred and threescore days. The wilderness, I am sure, is the people, and she is surrounded by the people and for the first three years and a half she is not disturbed. When Antichrist demands that all the inhabitants of the earth worship him, then the remnant of the woman's seed takes courage and stands out boldly against this false worship.

Some may want to know who the woman or the remnant of her seed is. It is the Christians who were not ready to go in the rapture. No doubt many who belong to the Church of God will not be ready and thousands of other professors in other organizations who are born again and maybe have other experiences just won't have that that will take them up in the rapture, but they will know that if they take the mark of the beast they will be forever lost and rather than do that they will come out from among the masses of the people and declare their faith in God.

Satan or the red dragon makes his appearance or does his deadly work in the last half of the tribulation week; possibly in the midst of the seven years he works his greatest destruction. He will fail to capture the overcoming saints but then as he is on the earth he will put forth every effort to turn every Christian from his faith in God. He goes on a rampage to destroy the woman that has fled into the wilderness.

Satan will not really have wings. This is a sign. The whole thing is figurative concerning his wings, but he does move swiftly.

The woman looks for this persecution and keeps hid until she is led by the Spirit of the Lord to come out. Ps. 124, "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, . . . then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

Healing For All

The Lord Jesus healed, though medical men abounded—there were "many physicians" (Mark 5:26).

The Lord Jesus healed, without exception, all who came or were brought to Him (Matt. 8:16).

The Lord Jesus sometimes healed without the result being apparent at once (Luke 17:14). The Lord Jesus sometimes healed gradually (John 4:49-52). The Lord generally healed on the spot instantaneously (Matt. 15:30-31).

The Lord Jesus sometimes indicated healing would be in the near future (John 9:7). The Lord Jesus sometimes removed a man from his surroundings before healing him (Mark 8:22-23).

The Lord Jesus healed all manner of diseases (Matt. 4:23-24), including lunacy, epilepsy, leprosy, palsy, fever, paralysis, blindness, lameness, deafness, withered limbs, a sword-cut, etc.

The Lord healed illness associated with devils (Luke 9:42). The Lord Jesus healed people at a distance without going to them. There is an instance of Him healing someone 16 miles away (John 4:46-53). The Lord Jesus healed by a touch, by others touching Him, by His taking people by the hand, by command, by a word (Matt. 8:3; Luke 8:44; Mark 1:31; Luke 6:10; Mark 7:34, etc.).

The Lord Jesus transmitted His power to others; to the twelve disciples (Luke 9:1); to the seventy who were not apostles (Luke 10:1-9); to believers generally, if they claimed the power (John 14:12-14); to Peter's shadow (Acts 5:14-15); to Paul's handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12).

The Lord Jesus healed chronic cases; 12 years (Matt. 9:20); 18 years (Luke 13:11); 38 years (John 5:5).

The Lord Jesus continued to transmit this power to others for many years after His ascension; 20 years after, Paul had this power (Acts 19:12); 26 years after, gifts of healing were given to ordinary believers (1 Cor. 12:9); 27 years after, the rules for healing were laid down for the sick (James 5:14-16); 40 years after, Clement, Paul's contemporary, said, "Men received the gifts of healing."

Iraeneus says, 110 years after, "Men healed the sick by laying their hands on them." Two hundred years after, Origen says, "Men had marvelous power in curing, by invoking the divine name, and that of Jesus;" 1820 years after, Dorothea Trudel of Mannedorf, healed 10,000 by prayer, and the German government was compelled to recognize and license her

hospitals. In our own day, these gifts are being exercised in every part of the world. God is restoring His lost gifts.

All sufferers who came to Jesus were healed in His day. He is the same "yesterday, and today and forever."

Healing of the body as well as the soul is provided for in the atonement of Jesus Christ, for Matthew, quoting from Isaiah 53, declares "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness." Jesus declared "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

If you are sick, come and get your portion of life and health from the pierced hands of Christ today.—*Full Gospel Advocate*.

The Purpose of Temptation

One main purpose of temptation is to reveal our real selves. It is surely better for the fire to show how much ore there is in the nugget than that the miner should be buoyed up by false hopes and quit the goldfields too soon; better for Gideon to know before the fight how large a proportion of his followers are craven cowards than discover it when a panic has broken out among them in face of a foe; better for us to know how much character we really possess than to awake on the shores of eternity to the shrinkage to almost nothing of what we had spent our lifetime in accumulating. The foundation of true nobility is self-knowledge. We must know that we are wretched, miserable, blind, and naked, before we shall be prepared to welcome the heavenly Merchantman, who visits us as a peddler the cottages of the poor. But we have little chance to know ourselves. The world either flatters or misunderstands us; our friends shrink from the odium of correcting our faults; we compare our best qualities with the worst of other people, much to our own credit; we seldom care to institute a very searching examination into the state of our souls. There is probably, therefore, no way in which we can be led to know ourselves except by temptation, when Satan is allowed to winnow us and discriminate between the chaff of self-assertion and the grain of genuine godliness.—*F. B. Meyer*.

Think of This

A certain daily recently had this to say of the radio: "The daytime radio programs are turning in a new high in moronic entertainment. The commercials are

becoming more untruthful, more windy each day. Ten minutes of a fifteen-minute program is devoted to expounding the merits of a soap, the program itself is of the sensational calibre of the yellowest journalism. If it were between the covers of a book it would be hidden from the children. Radio is badly in need of self-censorship. Advertising that no self-respecting newspaper would accept is used freely. Quack medicos are permitted the use of the air waves. Sponsors should realize that no matter how they dress them up the commercial is still a sales-talk and it's poor salesmanship to weary a prospective customer. He revolts against the product."

To the above could be added the "cigarettes without a cough in a car load," good for your throat; the "whiskey so smooth that it oils the throat;" the many kinds of beer that flood the country, also the great flood of jokes, plays, etc. that elevate no one.

To us, what the Christian thinks of it is the greatest concern. When gospel ministers, Sunday School teachers and Christians can listen to and "enjoy" these programs by the hour, they show the stripe of their spirituality.

We admit that the radio has proven a blessing, but it has been made a curse too. Brethren, you had better get along without the little good you get if you must have all the devil's rubbish come into your home with it. Let us judge between the good and bad, reject the bad, turn off the radio.

It is said that there are many towns and cities in China that have never heard the gospel—cities of 200,000 population without a gospel preacher. What a field for heaven-sent workers!

The Duty of the Church Member

It is the duty of every member and adherent to defend the minister and be tender and loving in all their judgment of his doings. If a sermon is weak or disinteresting, think of the sermons that were inspiring and great. Try to discover the cause for the poor sermon. Maybe there were thoughtless ones in the meeting, those who did not come to worship. The writer has preached in churches where there was so much division and lack of love that the Spirit was grieved away. Paul himself would fail in such a place. Ministers have been blamed for being lacking in experience and power many times when the stare of the thoughtless and the cold harshness of the prayerless church officer was in reality the cause for a powerless sermon.—*Pentecostal Testimony*.

Some say: "I cannot understand you; I cannot see into these things." If you would see better, come nearer.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

NEWS FROM INDIA

The following are extracts from recent letters from our workers in the Telegu field:

Cadappa, 6 June, 1939

My dear Sahib,

The Lord led me to this place three days before. He did a blessed work here. There were fifteen days continuous meetings and revivals here in L. M. S. church and John Moses, B. A., B. Ed., translated for me. Most of the people were educated—doctors, clerks, teachers, pastors, evangelists and some poor people too. About one hundred twenty daily attended the Bible study in the church. About seven days I spoke about the Holy Spirit and tongues. Many are inviting me to the surrounding places. About ten are tarrying, six of them have power and three speak in tongues. Some more are desiring to tarry. The pastor is a good man. I have some urgent calls to Nellore, Kanigiri and Ongole, so I will be going to those places after some time.

Brother Abraham is staying at Nellore. I will meet him soon. Pray for this work. God must raise up some workers from here. It is very hot here; 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. is unbearable here. Pray much for me. The rest afterwards—Yours at Jesus' feet, T. S. Paradasi.

Nellore, 3rd June, '39

I was thinking of writing to you after seeing the return of Brother Paradasi from Cadappa. I am sorry that he did not yet come back. Yet I am glad to inform you that I received news that he is conducting good meetings in Cadappa and many people, even Hindus, attend the meeting. Besides, one woman is baptized of the Holy Ghost. Glory to God who gives us victory through His Son Christ Jesus.

Here also God blesses me in doing His service. God has given me the assistance of a young man named James and he translates for me from English to Telegu. Now we conduct a Bible Class which some fourteen members attend. Most of them are teachers. Through your prayers God blesses our classes.

Last night and night before last we had meetings in a neighboring place. Last night was indeed a blessed night. Some people gave their hearts to our Lord and prayed with tears, confessing their sins. They have invited us to go over there this night too for a meeting. May God's name be glorified. I am glad to inform you that in the last week three souls in

a family gave their hearts to Jesus. They were Roman Catholics. The man in the house was in agony when we reached the house, but glory to God, when we prayed God gave him cure the same moment. Praise the Lord. Please pray for me much.

Here the heat is too great and even at 5:30 p. m. it is too hot. Due to the great wind it is quite difficult to go out. A cloth is useful only for two days. Because of the dust it becomes dirty so soon.

I have not taken a house due to many inconveniences and due to enemies, but I desire and pray to get a convenient house as soon as possible. In spite of hunger, thirst and lack of clothes I did not spend the money you kindly sent me for hiring a house. It is still with me. Please pray for all my needs. Here the heat is insufferable. Sometimes the blood boils within. Glory to God, He keeps me by His grace. Praise His holy name.

Here some people are ready to take baptism. If you can send Brother Benjamin of Madura it will be very useful.

Pray much for the Telegu field. Our Lord will make it a success. Pray much for me. Our Lord is coming soon.—With prayers and best wishes I remain your loving son in Christ Jesus, T. M. Abraham.

NOTE: Brother T. S. Paradasi is the one who has opened up work for us in the Telegu field. Brother T. M. Abraham is the Bible student about whom we have written before. He needs more training himself but because of the urgent need of workers in the Telegu field, he has gone there. He was in our school last year and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost then. Pray for him and for other students who are now in training.—B. N. Cook.

Report From Barbados, B. W. I.

Dear Evangel family, I am glad to again have the privilege to send in a report from this part of the great mission field of the Church of God. During the month of June I have had the opportunity to visit and help in the meetings of eight different assemblies. God is working in our midst and souls are being saved, sanctified, and thank God, some are receiving the blessed Holy Ghost. At Crab Hill a good revival has just closed which has been a great uplift to the saints and five souls were saved and a number of backsliders reclaimed. To God be all the glory.

It became my duty to pay a visit to St. Lucia, one of our neighboring islands

some ninety miles from Barbados. I left by the S. S. Lady Hawkins early Saturday, June 24, and arrived there at 9:00 a. m. After attending to some business on Saturday I was able to hold three meetings on Saturday night and two on Sunday. St. Lucia is a hard but needy field. The great majority of the population of 52,000 are Roman Catholics and in gross darkness, and surely need the light. We have a wonderful opportunity here and need a good earnest worker with a burden for souls and ready to suffer for Jesus, if needs be, to go there. Pray that God will send the right worker.

We had a wonderful baptismal service on Sunday morning, July 2, when I had the privilege of leading to a water grave thirty-six precious souls who had given their hearts to the Lord and wished to follow their Lord in the waters of baptism.

From the beach we went to the Eckstein Village church where we had a glorious day, meeting running from 10:00 a. m. till after 4:00 p. m. God came and surely did take charge of the service and gave us an old-fashioned outpouring of His Spirit. We have many calls from the village that we have not yet been able to reach. Pray that God will supply the money needed so that we may go faster.—J. B. Winter, Assistant Overseer.

God Still Able

ISOLA, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. A few weeks ago a blood vessel burst in my head and it seemed that I would bleed to death. The doctor did everything he could do. The last thing he did was his last hope he said. It hurt me so badly. I said if it was God's will for me to go I wanted to die easy and I had the packing removed from my nose and mouth and left the matter in God's hands.

I am glad to say that the bleeding stopped then and the packing was never put back. I know God did the healing. Praise God for the saints who prayed the prayer of faith.

I want all of the saints of God to pray for me and my home to live a life that will be pleasing to God, that we might prove to God that we appreciate His goodness.—Charlie Colwell, Rt. 1.

WHIGHAM, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I am glad that I have old time salvation. I have thought of writing a testimony for a good while but didn't want to until I got the Holy Ghost, and I praise Him for the Holy Ghost now, for giving me the full blessing. I belong to the Church of God at Bainbridge, Ga. Please pray for the church at Bainbridge, also pray for my husband to be saved before it is too late, and that I will hold out to the end.—Annie Lou White.

Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

News from Brother Carl G. Carder, pastor at Port Huron, Michigan:

"Precious revival at Port Huron. Twenty-five saved, the church in general received spiritual strength from old time Holy Ghost services. One Sunday night about fifty were in the altar, twelve were saved. Fifteen to be baptized next week in Lake Huron, eight or ten to come into the church."

He states the temperature there is sixty-five degrees. Quite a contrast from Western Canada. When we came through Medora, North Dakota, the temperature was 117 degrees.

CORRECTION

The mission offering from Ohio state convention should have read \$224.00 in-

stead of \$204.00. We appreciate the work that is being done there this year.

Telegram from Brother Wilma Henry: "July 17, 1939. Camp meeting started fine. Overflow crowd first night. Number in altar seeking the Lord. —Brother Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas."

From Brother R. J. Staats, overseer of Indiana:

"The work is going along very nicely here. We have a good gain in all departments of the church.

"It seems that everybody is trying his best to make the Church program one that we all will be proud of."

Everyone seems so good and nice to us. We think lots of our district pastor, Brother Young, also the many friends at Lamesa, Big Spring, Stanton, and other places we have been. The churches are far apart but there surely are some fine people on the south plains.

We went to the preachers' meeting at Hobbs, N. Mex., which was great. Everyone seems to have a mind to do something for the church. We returned to the state convention in July. Everybody seemed happy because of the Spirit of the Lord. Brother R. P. Johnson brought a great message on "Missions." A nice collection was taken and the convention closed with the spirit of missions resting upon every heart.

Leaving the 9th we came to our local church for Sunday night service. Our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, brought a wonderful message encouraging us to go deeper in the Lord. Several spoke of how it benefited them. Following was a message by our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Johnson, another great message, stirring the people's hearts. Several came to the altar. We surely do thank the Lord for Brother Johnson. He is such a wonderful man. He requested prayer for his wife. We are praying for you, Sister Johnson, and trust the Lord will completely heal you.

We had with us that night the state overseer of Kansas, Brother J. T. Campbell, Brother Drake and Brother Pike of New Mexico, also Brothers Baker and Grimes of Graham, Texas. God bless you all.—N. L. Suiter, pastor.

God Is the Greater

WAYCROSS, Ga.—I am praising the Lord for the way He is blessing the work here in Waycross. The revival spirit is on and souls are praying through to victory—mostly the juniors and intermediates. The devil is mad because of it but the Lord is blessing over it all. Eleven came into the church Sunday night and four others a few weeks ago. It looks as though Brother Poole will have to come back and finish his work. We appreciate Brother and Sister Poole. Please pray much for the work here. Husband and I request prayer for the healing of our bodies and for our boy who has an enlarged bone in his nose.—Mrs. L. M. Smith.

Thank God For Church Set in Order

NEESES, S. C.—I praise the Lord for our little Church of God that was set in order this year. Thank God for our good pastor, Brother W. H. Brewer. We give God the thanks for sending a shepherd to us.

We have seventeen members. Praise the Lord, a good start, with eight men. We are having services in a dwelling now, but by God's help we are going to build

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

TITUS, Ga.—The Hiawassee, Ga. district convention convened at Mt. Pleasant Church of God July 16, 17, with our state overseer, John C. Jernigan, and many other good speakers present. God surely met with us in the first service and His presence stayed through the entire convention. The preachers were all at their best and all the people did their part to make it a success, for which we praise God. We were glad to have so many visiting ministers with us. It was wonderful to feel and see the great power of God manifested in this convention. The mission offering amounted to \$25.50. We believe this was one of the best conventions this district has ever had and everybody went away edified and encouraged. — J. L. Harrison, district pastor.

Encouragement For the Young People

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—The Sylacauga district Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally convened at Sylacauga the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Truly God bestowed His richest blessings upon these services. He was with us from the beginning. Several numbers were rendered by the Sylacauga quartet. Brother Pearson gave a wonderful talk to the young people. A program under the direction of Maggolene Isbell rendered by the Sylacauga Y. P. E. seemed to be enjoyed by all. The house was

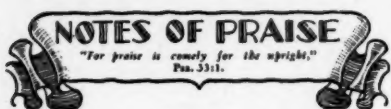
filled to its capacity.

The service began Sunday morning at 9:45 with a large crowd. After Sunday School a talk was given by Brother Pearson on Sunday School, during which amens and shouts ascended. The choir rendered several numbers. The service for the afternoon began at 2:00 o'clock. Numbers by the choir and quartet were given, and Sister Branch, of Birmingham, gave a talk. A number was given by the Talladega trio. Next was a program given by the Talladega Y. P. E. Tears flowed freely on the faces of most everyone present, both saint and sinner. The service was brought to a close with shouts of victory.

God continued to bless throughout the service Sunday night. One received the Holy Ghost and one was saved and sanctified. The Sylacauga church started an open air revival, during which souls are praying through. We, the young people of Alabama, thank God for such an able leader as Brother Pearson. The Sylacauga Y. P. E. is proud that we were first to win the new banner. Remember us in your prayers.—Maggolene Isbell.

Everyone Seemed Happy

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—We thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing at Brownfield. Seven have received the Holy Ghost and two new members have been added to the church since we have been here. The church is on the upward move.



Jesus Is All To Me

HICKORY, N. C.—I am saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His healing power. We have a way to know God really can heal. God healed me of pneumonia. I had the flu in April. Some of the saints came and prayed and I was healed. In a week I took pneumonia, my fever was so high until my mouth was full of blisters and I couldn't drink. Some would come in and say, "You had better get a doctor." Oh, I wanted God for I was ready to go. God's people really prayed. I praise God for that wonderful Doctor whom I have learned to trust. I have a desire more than ever to go all the way.—Mrs. Lizzie Stillwell, Rt. 1.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I truly want to sound a note of praise for my Lord. I praise Him for being saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His divine healing power. I have been healed many times and seen wonderful healings in my home. One son was healed of severe kidney trouble, another son healed of yellow jaundice, and a daughter healed of paralysis. Praise His dear name. He has meant everything in my home!

About six or eight weeks ago I had the flu and pleurisy. God healed the pain in my lung and I took a severe pain in my head. It lasted all day Sunday and about 2:30 Monday morning I awoke in a dying condition. I called my husband, I was nearly gone. He called the children, told them I was dying, then he came in the room again, looked at me very frightened and said, "Woman, you are dying." I said, "I know it." I told him to call Brother J. T. Roberts, our pastor. He came and began to call on God. I knew my time was short unless God undertook, but praise God, in about fifteen or twenty minutes God came on the scene and I knew I was going to live.

I praise God for Brother Roberts, he is a man of God and filled with the Holy Ghost and power. I praise God for the way He is working in our church. The Holy Ghost took charge Wednesday night and Friday night the young people's meeting was like a camp meeting. Four girls shouted and talked in tongues until 11:20. Praise His dear name!—Mrs. Martha Boree, 2634 Edison Ave.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Jesus means everything to me. I was about helpless. My body was so frail I could hardly walk at all, but I got the saints to anoint me and pray for me. God blessed and an-

swered prayer and I am able to go again.

Thank God, He is so real to us. I want to be more like Jesus. It means so much to be like Him.

I thank God for the way He blesses our poor little souls at the church, in our Sunday School and morning worship. He just comes down and smiles on us and the blessed sweet Holy Ghost power just sways the choir and audience. We thank the good Lord for our good choir leader and music teacher, Brother G. R. Willoughby. How God uses him in directing the singing! We also thank God for the different good talents of the Church of God at this place. We don't want to forget our good pastor and shepherd, Brother H. T. Durden, and his good, humble wife. He is not ashamed for the Holy Ghost to have His way in our services.—A. F. Wilson, 54 Spofford.

God Is Still Healing

SARASOTA, Fla.—I have a testimony to offer in praise to our great God for the way He wonderfully healed my father, sister and me.

Father was suddenly stricken very ill last Christmas with appendicitis or something very serious, was confined to his bed six weeks, but he trusted Jesus and at times it looked as if he were going home. He did not call a doctor, but fully looked to God and said if He didn't heal him he was ready to go. We prayed and the saints prayed. He would get relief for a while. On Wednesday morning just Earl, my brother, and I were in the room and father was suffering so, it seemed as though he became discouraged. God seemed to speak and my brother said, "Let's pray," so we went before God and when we laid hands on him I tell you God's miraculous healing power came on him and he came out of bed shouting and praising God.

I returned home encouraged and stronger in faith than ever before but not well in body. My nerves were wrecked, having made two trips home, and I took the flu. I trusted my case in the hands of the Lord and promised Him if He would heal me I would testify, and He let me get well.

Then my sister was taken with flu, pneumonia and kidney poison. The doctor was called and he and the nurse both said she couldn't live. My brother was over at Linden helping in a revival. He was called home and when he arrived and found her condition serious, they let him in and he asked for the privilege to pray for her. Her husband said, "Yes, of course." The doctor wouldn't let any one in nor have any noise but her husband said he could go in and pray, doctor or no doctor. So he did and God wonderfully came down and healed her. Praise His name!

A few days ago my father had another light attack and there was a voice which

seemed to say to me, "What about that promise and vow to God," and I promised to write this. Obedience is better than sacrifice.—Mrs. C. A. Ford.

The Evangel a Blessing

I praise the Lord because He means so much to me. I have read so many good testimonies in the Evangel it made me hungry to give my testimony. Everyone who trusts God for their body, please pray especially for me. I have tried remedy after remedy and they fail to do me any good. I am sure God wants me to trust Him for my healing.

Brother Edd Cox, if you read this, please write me as I want to get in touch with you all again.

The Evangel is a blessing to anyone. There is a sinner woman in my home who says she wants to take it. She really enjoys reading it. It has encouraged me so to trust God fully for my body.—Mrs. Effie Shelton, Gray, Ky.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ala.—I praise the dear Lord for the old time power. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have been in this way for nearly ten years. The Lord surely has been good to me. I am a member of the Church of God and love her good teachings. We truly love our dear Brother Whittington, state overseer, and Brother Wood, district pastor, and Brother Smith of Anniston who is our pastor here at Edwarsville, I truly believe they are God-called ministers of God.

We are going to have the Lord's Supper and feet washing here the second Sunday in June if it's the Lord's will and start a revival and our dear Brother Brown of Carrollton, Ga. will be in charge. He truly preaches the full gospel. Every saint of God pray for souls to be saved. We invite all who feel God's call to come and help us. Pray for me and my wife to stand true to the Lord, also pray for our unsaved children to be saved before it is too late. We have been trusting the Lord for both soul and body for ten years and still want to continue to trust Him. Our little girl eight years old had pneumonia and God wonderfully healed her. Praise His sweet name! She never took a dose of medicine in her life. If Brother J. H. Collins sees this, please write me.—D. H. Harris, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. — How the good Lord has answered prayer for my mother! She was given up by the doctor to die. She had been down since last August with high blood pressure, kidney trouble and rheumatism. On April 18 she had a stroke of paralysis. The doctor said there was no hope for her. She was helpless, could not move hand nor foot and could not speak. I had faith in God. I called for

Brother O'Neal to come and have prayer for her; later he brought Brother Lee Walton out too. I requested prayer in the Evangel and got an anointed cloth from Brother L. G. Rouse. Praise God, He has answered their prayers. I hope that He will heal her body completely and she will be strong in the Lord and be saved. Praise God she can talk and use her hand and feet some now. Pray for me to stay in God's will and grow in grace and the love of God.—W. L. Clinton, Clay St.

HANES, N. C.—I am so thankful because my little boy who was sick is now well. About two weeks ago he was taken sick and the doctor pronounced it pneumonia and pleurisy. He said it was going to be a bad case. My brother, Ralph Tedder, and others came and prayed for him and now he is completely well. I thank God for it. With all our doctoring and loving care we realize that God must do the real work. Our hearts were filled with fear but God has spared our child and now our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving. Please pray for me and my husband and other people here.—Bruzella Reid.

LITHIA, Fla.—Just a little testimony to let you know I am still saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides. I will never forget the camp meeting at Wimauma. Oh, how the presence of the Lord was there. Well glory! I can feel joy in my soul. As I looked on the faces of the dear saints shining with the glory of God I thought if we get such a blessing here on earth, what will it be in heaven when we all get home to shout and sing God's praises evermore. The Lord healed me of the flu not long ago. Let's keep holding to God's unchanging hand, for it's just a little while to stay here.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 35A.

HAZEL GREEN, Ala.—Dear ones in the Lord, I thank each one who has prayed for me. I put a request in the Evangel three years ago that a way would be made for me that I would not be a burden on my loved ones and that I might get my baby back with me. Oh, bless the Lord, He has wonderfully made a way for me and brought my baby to me after three years. Praise the dear Lord.

Dear ones, it's wonderful to trust Jesus. If some of you have been praying and haven't received an answer, don't give up, for God is still on the throne and has all power. Bless His name. May God's richest blessing be on each one.—Mrs. Odell Dodson, Rt. 2.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise my Savior, healer and soon coming King for healing my body.

This is the second attack of appendicitis I've had and God has touched my body both times and I believe He is going to heal me completely.

Please pray that God will heal me. I am trusting Him fully for both soul and body. Truly we know we all have to suffer here, but praise the dear Lord, there will be no more sickness, sorrow or death in our Father's house. Surely we're all getting homesick for heaven and I don't believe we will have to carry the burdens of this life much longer. I desire the prayers of all that I'll stay humble at the foot of the cross and in the center of God's will at all times.—Ida Boree, 2634 Edison Ave.

INDIO, Calif.—I thank God for old time salvation and for His healing power. Thank Him for healing my body. Praise His name forever. I had something wrong with my neck and left shoulder for one and a half months, and I promised God if He would heal my body I would testify of it. Praise His dear name, He wonderfully healed me. Thank God, he is the same yesterday, today and forever. Thanks be unto God for His unchangeable riches. I love Him because He first loved me.—C. D. Yancey.

CHIEFLAND, Fla.—I thank God for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost on Saturday night, May 27. Oh praise God, I feel good in my soul. I am eleven years old and ask all who read my little testimony to pray for me to live true and never be pulled down by Satan.

My daddy and mother have had salvation eight years and they have taught me to love the dear Church of God, and I am glad now that my name is on His book. Oh praise God. I want to do my little part. I want to be in Sunday School and Y. P. E. service, and pray that I will get to. We live twelve miles from church and daddy is out of work and that keeps us out of the good services, but if you help me pray I am believing that Jesus will open up the way for us to fill our place at church. Pray for our church at Wilcox, Fla., and our good pastor, Brother H. L. Hicks, and his faithful, sweet wife. Pray for us to be faithful until Jesus comes or calls. — A little sister in Christ, Marvleene McIntye.

Precious Victory

LANCASTER, Ky.—We are still traveling for Jesus. I truly praise God for saving me, sanctifying and giving me the precious Holy Ghost, and for a home for God's children, which is the dear old Church of God, where we have a wall of protection from the storms of many doctrines.

I have been evangelizing nearly one year; have had some wonderful times.

There has also been some cross-bearing as I go along.

To my many friends everywhere, we hope to see you again some day. Thank God, I feel His presence while the old world is roaming in sin. Some day if we be true we will get to live with Jesus.—Evangelist Geo. L. Cravens, Star Rt.

HEFLIN, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His goodness and sweet mercy and love to me. He keeps us from all evil if we will trust Him all the way. Praise the Lord. Sometimes it just seems I have gone as far as I can go, but I just look to Jesus and He helps me to overcome. Praise the Lord.

The Lord has been so good to us all we ought to testify for Him some way because Rom. 10:9-11 tells whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed, and glory to Jesus I am glad I can say I am not ashamed of Him now. About two years ago my sister backslid but we just held on to God and kept praying for her. The Lord heard and answered our humble prayer and saved, sanctified and filled her with the sweet Holy Ghost again. Praise God.

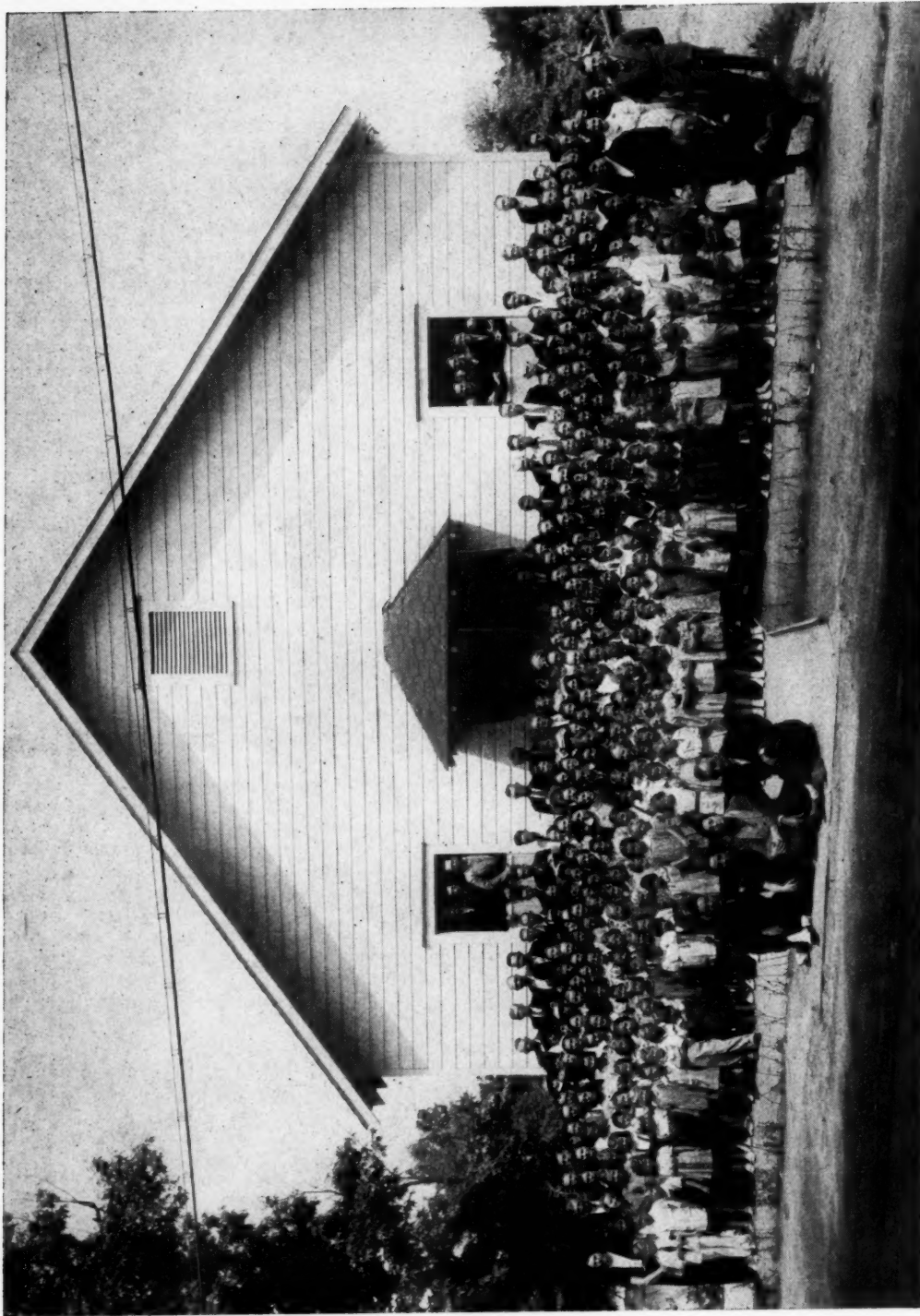
I praise the Lord for His healing power. He has healed so many times. Dear saints, let's awake and get about our Father's business. If anyone feels led to write me an encouraging letter, please do so, for I am just a young girl and can't do as well as I could if I were older, it doesn't seem, but glory to God, I mean to live for the Lord if all of the rest go back. Pray for our work here, also pray for an unspoken request. Pray for me to stand true to Jesus.—Miss Reba Trantham.

KINGSPORT, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for old time salvation that we know about. Almost seven and a half years ago God saved my soul from sin. At that time I was attending the Assembly of God here, but by and by Brother Scalf came here preaching the Church of God and I joined the Church and was baptized in water. About four years ago God sanctified my soul and I felt that He had called me to work in His vineyard, so I began conducting services. When I would put forth an effort God would bless my soul and I would shout the victory. Glory to God. I feel like shouting now.

But there was something else that God had for me. I just kept holding my cup and begging God until He filled it. Recently God baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and I can feel it burning in my sanctified soul right now. Praise God forever. I am determined by the help of God to fight the battle to the end. I covet the prayers of God's people that I will be a soul winner for Him.—W. I. Head, 1230 Walnut St.

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The Lord Is Blessing the Church of God in Georgia



The above is the picture of one of our new churches. It is one year old, located at Riverside, Georgia. This church was built up with diamonds dug from the rough by Gordon R. Watson. The work began under one of our state tents and the Lord began to bless and is still blessing. They have 100 members, a nice well-

built and well-located church house with several Sunday School rooms in the basement, all paid for. Their tithes will run from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per month. Their Sunday School averaged in May 295 and in June 247. They have had as high as 700 attending the Y.P.E. service. We have several other good new

churches in Georgia, with buildings, and able to support a pastor.

Since the Assembly our people have built nineteen church houses and ten parsonages in Georgia. The people have paid about \$11,000 more tithes this year than they did last year during the same months.

Both ministry and laity seem to be encouraged to work. Many souls are being saved and coming into the Church of God.

We hope to meet you this fall at the Assembly 2,000 strong.—John C. Jernigan, state overseer.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,"
Hab. 3:2.

LOCKE, Ark.—We have just closed a revival here at Fern with thirteen saved, eight sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church, eleven followed the Lord in water baptism and a church set in order with seventeen members. Our Y. P. E. was organized with seventeen members, so pray for us out here that this place will rise and shine for the Lord.—A sister in Him, Mrs. W. V. Barnett.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo.—We feel so happy for our good revival with Miss Geneva Presley as evangelist. Eleven persons came to the altar of prayer. We had good attendance. We feel that the church is moving toward the center of God's will more every day. We really feel like praising God for this good revival. Oh, how I feel encouraged here with this church. It never pays to become weary in well doing. Just lift up a standard for the people. Praise the Lord. Some were seeking for the sweet Holy Ghost. Pray that we may have another revival before long.—H. E. Buntin, pastor, 404 W. Scott St.

ALCOA, Tenn.—Alcoa Church of God has just closed a six weeks' revival at this place. The series of meetings opened with Brother Terlizzi of California preaching for two weeks with food to our souls. The following two weeks was an outbreak of the Holy Ghost with Brother Oliver Baney of Sweetwater preaching. Following him our Y. P. E. superintendent Brother Max L. Atkins, had wonderful success. There were up in the twenties saved, about fifteen sanctified, about nine filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church and eighteen baptized, closing our series of meetings with sacrament and feet washing. We closed with about thirty seekers at the altar. Pray for us that the Lord will lead. The revival spirit seems to hang on. Praise His name!—Sister S. L. Lowery, Gill St.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN, Tenn.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival for which we thank God. Brother Albert Teaster of Dunlap did the preaching. The Lord blessed most every night with three saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and five added to the church. Oh, how we do praise God for Brother and Sister Teaster. I feel like they are real children of God. We want everyone who knows the worth of prayer to pray for our little church to rise and shine for God. We praise God for our pastor, Brother Ogles. He surely is on fire for

God. — Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

BROOKSVILLE, Fla.—We are glad to report a good revival now in progress in the little city of Brooksville, under the Linden district gospel tent, with Brother Paul Taylor in charge, assisted by Brother J. W. Coleman, pastor of the Lake Lindsey Church of God and Brother D. B. Fussell, pastor of the Stafford Church of God. These two churches are sponsoring this revival, being rural churches of Brooksville.

Brother Taylor is preaching the old time gospel in the old time way, uncompromisingly. It's going home to the hearts of the unsaved, helping them to see the need of a heartfelt religion. Interest has been good from the first service, with seemingly a steady increase.

On the night of July 4 we had the Linden district fellowship meeting here, Brother E. L. Newton, district pastor, in charge. God met with us in this service. We had the privilege of listening to several numbers by the Florida Bible School quartet, which were greatly enjoyed. Brother Cole and Brother Chester Drymon, Florida Bible School students, were present. Brother Cole conducted a praise service which God was in. Brother Drymon brought the evening message. This message was soul-stirring and convicting. An altar service followed, in which some were blessed.

Some have prayed through to victory in this revival. We see new faces in the altar almost every night. Brother P. W. Chesser and wife have joined us in this battle, working faithfully, preaching, playing and singing.

Brother W. W. Dykes and wife of Jacksonville were with us in three services; their good music and singing was a blessing and enjoyed by all present. If you want to get your soul blessed, come to Brooksville and be in this revival. Don't forget to pray for us.—Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Rt. 2.

HARMON LICK, Ky.—A three weeks' revival has just closed with the evangelist, Brother Ernest Martin, doing the preaching. There were four saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and one healed of T. B. The saints were wonderfully blessed. Brother Martin preached the Word with demonstration and power. We all loved Brother Martin and want him back in the future for another revival. Saints everywhere, pray for him as he has only been out in the work for the Lord a few months.—Louise Helton.

TARBORO, N. C.—We praise God for the good revival which we have had here at the Church of God for the past two weeks. Brother Frank Bradshaw was

in charge, assisted by his wife and Brother Jonah Perry, our pastor. The Lord wonderfully blessed. There were twelve saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and four added to the church.

Praise God for His love. Pray for the church here at Tarboro, N. C., and for those who are seeking Him.—Mrs. Georgia Hammonds, clerk, Box 102.

MARIETTA, Ga. — We thank the Lord for a good revival at the Warsaw Church of God. Eleven were reclaimed, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and five new members added to the church. Others are looking this way. Sister Mae Terry conducted this revival. She is a good preacher. Pray for us here. —H. L. King, pastor, 406 Powder Springs St.

ALABAMA CITY, Ala. — We have just closed a week's revival. We prayed for God to lay it on Brother Eldridge Green's heart to come up here and conduct a revival. Thank God, He heard our cry. Brother Green preached such wonderful truth people's hearts were stirred. Several came to the altar. One who had once known the Lord was reclaimed. We praise the Lord for this revival. The saints have been lifted up and the people are wanting Brother Green to come back for another revival. This revival has been a blessing to everyone around here. It has encouraged our pastor. Remember us at this place. We are just a few in number but God is able to give an increase.—Sister Vestia Ragan, Rt. 1.

WHARNCLIFFE, W. Va.—We praise God for being in our revival held here a few weeks ago by Sister Lonie Yates. We thank God for those who were blessed. It greatly stirred the interest of the saints. Sister Yates' son and daughter helped with their songs and music. This was our second revival. Some were under conviction. We praise God for some one who will take the burden at this place. Pray for our church here that God will bless us more.—Mrs. Genet Cochran.

LETCHER, Ky.—Brother Geo. Cravens of Lancaster, Ky. came to our church and conducted a two weeks' meeting. During his stay with us one was sanctified and one came into the church. We had large crowds almost every night. People came who had not attended in a long time. He gained many friends while here. We ask the saints to pray for us. There is much to be done in this community.—Frank Bailey clerk.

PARIS, Tex.—We just closed a three weeks' meeting at the Church of God in Ft. Worth. God was certainly with us in
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PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of a hurting in my back, hips, legs and feet; my two children to be healed of a breaking out on their hands; my home; God to save my husband and son.—Mrs. Dora Gipson, Rt. 2, Box 15, Hixson, Tenn.

I am back in the T. B. sanatorium; please pray that I will be healed; I will have to have my ribs taken out.—Mrs. L. A. Mull, W. N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C.

Mrs. Garret Price to be healed of heart trouble and several other diseases; her husband to see the light on the Church of God.—Mrs. Hazel Adkins, Slagle, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my head, eyes and left side; the Lord to bless the church at Brockdell; unspoken request, — Mary Lewis, Brockdell, Tenn.

The healing of my two children who are very sick.—Mrs. R. L. Cooksey, Rt. 1, Box 189-A, Belzoni, Miss.

The healing of my body of serious stomach trouble and other afflictions.—Brother H. L. Engle, Hardburly, Ky.

My husband's brother who opposes holiness; God to get hold of him and save him; N. T. Henry to be saved; my boys to be saved; me to be completely healed.—Mrs. V. L. Henry, Rt. 2, Uvalda, Ga.

My leg which is past walking on to be healed, that I can get into the Lord's work.—Mark Morrow, Rt. 1, Robertsdale, Ala.

My daughter to be healed; the church here.—Pearl McCaughan, Equality, Ill.

Me to be stronger in the faith.—O. O. Wolfe, Grantham P. O., Jam, B. W. I.

The healing of my body—Mrs. Zilpha Honeycutt, Wheeler, Tex.

My husband and boys to get work and salvation.—Mattie Lowery, Rt. E, Repton, Ala.

My daughter who has been in the state hospital nearly six years to be healed of insanity; me.—Mrs. Emma Holder, 37 R. R. St., Pickens, S. C.

Me to be healed of a serious case of pellagra.—Addie Vaughn.

My little grandson to be healed; me to get close to the Lord and to be healed; my boy to stand true.—Mrs. Edna Ewell, 404 W. Evelyn St., Lewistown, Mont.

Sister Ollie Brasher who is in the Norwood hospital.—Jessie I. Bell, Birmingham, Ala.

A brother in the Lord to be healed of a broken leg; special unspoken request; me and my loved ones.—Mrs. V. B. Cruden, 2001 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

One of my unsaved brothers who is seriously ill. Fast, if led.—Mrs. Maude Moody, Chillicothe, Mo.

My husband to be healed of stomach trouble, heart trouble, gas and rheumatism; unspoken request; some little children here.—Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

God to strengthen my body and give me safe deliverance; that I can be on the battlefield for Jesus in the near future.—Sister Melba Souder, 215 Turner St., Chillicothe, Mo.

Me and my family; my little girl who is sick.—Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

Me to be healed of asthma; to hold out faithful; my faith to be increased.—Miss Alma Henning, 323 Central St., Elkins, W. Va.

God to heal our little daughter of T. B.—W. L. Stephens, 2035 Grant St., Selma, Calif.

God to remove my burden; me and my husband to be sanctified; more faith. Encouraging letters appreciated. — Mrs. N. C. Dodson, Rt. 2, Carthage, Tenn.

Our little boy to be healed of something like appendicitis.—Mrs. G. G. Williams, Liberty, Miss.

Me to have more patience, faith and power from the Lord.—Robert Coleman, Seaford, Del.

The healing of Mrs. Willie Mae Williams, Lindale, Ga.—Mrs. M. H. Hernndon, Lindale, Ga.

The healing of my sister who has bronchial asthma and a nervous spinal trouble; the Church of God here; that I may lead others into the blessed light. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Sister Kitty Hamrick, 204 Masonite Road, Laurel, Miss.

My mother to be healed and come back to the church. Letters of encouragement to her appreciated. Her address: Mrs. Oma Hayes, Dudley, Mo. My dad, two brothers, sister-in-law and my husband's people to be saved; me to be healed and fully trust God; my husband to receive the full blessing.—Mrs. Gladys Chase, Dudley, Mo.



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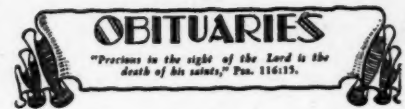
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Nothing will season our testimonies like the grace of God and plenty of shortening.

We can run to the store without money, but we cannot run to heaven without grace.



MORROW

My precious mother, Mrs. Della E. Morrow, a faithful member of the Church of God for nineteen years, died July 14, 1939; age sixty-four years, seven months and seven days.—Her son, Mark Morrow, Rt. 1, Robertsdale, Ala.

NIX

Brother Harvey J. Nix, a bishop and faithful member in the Church of God, departed this life July 9, 1939. At the time of his death he was pastor at Erwin Hill, Ga. He was greatly loved by those who knew him.—J. P. Green.

HIGGINS

Evangelist Roman J. Higgins of Long Bough, Jamaica, a faithful member of the Church of God about fifteen years, departed this life July 11, 1939.—O. O. Wolfe, Grantham P. O., Jam., B W. I.

NOTICES

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the camp meeting Aug. 18-23.

WE HAVE

Been working hard, we have had a great year, our program has excelled all previous records. You have preached, prayed and shouted. Come along and let's have a great camp meeting and state convention.

PLEASE DO NOT

Arrange to have a program on in your church during the camp meeting and convention. If you plan a revival, please arrange it so it will not convene during the state meeting, which is your meeting.

MINISTERS

Are expected to attend the state convention. Please make plans to be there for the first service.

THE PROGRAM

Is arranged so as to give each department of the Church work a place on the program. We will not be able to place each minister on the program but we have been careful to give space for the Holy Ghost to take charge at any and all times.

PROGRESS

Has been made this year. You will be delighted to hear the general report of the state work. We have gained as many new churches as some states with many more members and ministers to labor. We rank above the average of some states with greater advantages than Louisiana. Our ministers have been faithful.—Clyde C. Cox, state overseer of Louisiana.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Varney, W. Va. Aug.

20. There will be some good preachers on the program. Everyone bring a well-filled basket so we can have a big dinner on the ground. "Whosoever will come." Service will begin at 10:00 a. m. Don't fail us, we will be looking for you. W. H. Compton, pastor, Varney, W. Va.

We are in a revival at Kansas City, Kansas, under a tent. The meeting started July 23 with good results—four at the altar for salvation. Pray for us. Brother D. K. Murphy of Weir, Kans. is our evangelist and he is doing some good preaching.—William Roberson, pastor.

We are still at Drumright, Okla. and will be until after the Assembly. Pray for us and the church here as we have decided to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Any Church of God evangelist with a burden for lost souls stop by and see us.—Paul J. Brown, Drumright, Okla.

Dear saints, as I have given my life and time to God in answer to His call I am in the evangelistic work and can go anywhere and any time. For reference write E. E. O'Neal, Bainbridge, Ga. and Mrs. S. M. Miller, Iron City, Ga. I stand one hundred per cent for the Church of God teaching. If you have any work for me, let me know.—Hays M. Long, Bascom, Fla.

A SINGING FESTIVAL

On the second Sunday in August from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m. there will be singing and more singing, of the best, newest, oldest, most thrilling, inspiring and spiritual songs, by local and visiting soloists, duets, trios, quartets, choruses, choir and congregation ever heard. And the Church of God and pastor, J. D. Bright, of Mooresville, N. C., take great pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to all singers and lovers of music and song to be with us on that day. Our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, and three other great persons will be with us to assure a great day. We will have a table large enough for all of us to put our dinner on and dine together. Come and let us sing.—J. D. Bright, Mooresville, N. C.

EDITORIALS

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against us, then the waters had overflowed us, the streams had gone over our soul: . . . then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the Lord, who hath given us as a prey to their teeth." Doubtless great threats will go forth from the mouth of the dragon (the government) against the Laodicean woman but his attention will be turned to the remnant of her seed because they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of

Jesus Christ.

The overcoming saints or man-child are those who have a high degree of spirituality and spiritual blessings. The wise virgins represent this crowd and they had oil in their vessels with their lamps. The remnant of this woman's seed is represented as foolish virgins. They were all called virgins, all ten of them. The only difference is that the wise had oil in their vessels with their lamps. We see the souls of this persecuted remnant under the altar. Notice, they were slain for the Word of God and their testimony which they kept. Chapter 6:9. The woman, too, would receive this terrible persecution if she would only come out to the front boldly for the Word of God and bring forth her testimony.

The earth helped the woman. The word that earth is taken from is "ge" which means not only the ground but includes the inhabitants and the meaning is that the inhabitants helped the woman. Doubtless, as Antichrist with his officers pour out great threats, the inhabitants stand by the woman because they are of the world and the Laodicean woman is so cold and worldly that you can hardly tell one from the other, therefore, they are hid and the rivers and floods from the mouths of Antichrist's ungodly men fall to the earth so they go to persecuting something they know does exist, the remnant of her seed who are out in plain view and do not care who sees them. They actually spill their blood for their testimony.

This Laodicean lukewarm woman is not the overcoming saints. All that is connected with her, known as the overcoming saints (man-child) will have bid her farewell and her place is in the wilderness because she had failed to go on to higher heights as had the overcoming saints (man-child). Some people have the tendency now to flee from persecutions. They do it by joining hands with the world. The world loves its own.

Thank God For Church Set in Order

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a church, if the Lord doesn't come soon to take us all to heaven, that is all who are keeping His commandment. We have a good Sunday School in number. Thank God for some hundred per cent tithe payers. Pray for us. — Mrs. Doundie Fields, secretary-treasurer.

Revivals

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His power to bless. Some prayed through and the saints were revived. It was a great privilege to work with Brother J. M. Foshe and wife. Their acquaintance and hospitality have been greatly appreciated by us. It is a joy to work with a good man who appreciates you like our good overseer, H. N. Scoggins. We thank

God for him.—Evangelist A. M. Curtis from California.

SALEM, S. C.—Dear readers, I praise God for victory over sin. Although it has meant a struggle at times, for I live a distance from a Church of God and seldom get to go, yet I thank God for the faithful few around here who have given me encouragement along the way.

Last week my baby took sick and I asked God to heal her. I promised God I would testify of it and He wonderfully healed her. Last night my oldest little girl took sick. Again I called on God's divine healing power. This morning she said she was not the least sick. Praise the Lord for His ever-present help in time of need.

Pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Ruby Wilson, Rt. 2.

FOURMILE, Ky.—We just closed a two and a half weeks' revival with W. A. Sizemore doing the preaching. Five who had backslidden were restored. We have all kinds of opposition here. All of these doctrines and such carrying on as they do in the name of holiness has just about got intelligent people disgusted and it is hard to convince the people of the right way.

Pray much for us at Fourmile and Pineville, Ky. that we can give the devil a black eye and show the people that the Church of God is right.—J. L. Guthrie, pastor.

We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Waco church near Mize, Miss. with Brother C. H. Gardner doing the preaching. The church was greatly built up and sinners blessed. The attendance was good from the very first night and continued to grow each night with the best order in the history of the church.

The revival closed with a goodly number at the altar. There were a few saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. It was with regret that we had to close the meeting, but as Brother Gardner was slated for another revival and the farmers here so busy marketing their watermelons we decided it would be best to close out until a later date when Brother Gardner could come and stay with us until the Lord said it is enough.

Please pray for the revival starting at Shady Grove church the third Sunday in this month. — D. L. Barrett, pastor, Magee, Miss.

BAISDEN, W. Va. — Sister Celia Brewer, evangelist, conducted a wonderful revival here. God manifested His power in a mighty way. Sixteen souls were saved, eleven sanctified, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Large crowds attended every service and we were sorry the building wasn't larger. Help us pray that the Lord will bless us with a

larger building in the near future. Everyone was enthusiastic about the revival and all loved Sister Brewer very dearly. We praise the dear Lord for a humble preacher like her. Pray for us that we will stand true and faithful until Jesus comes.—Monroe Dotson, pastor.

LONG ISLAND, Ala.—We started a revival at our church at Avans, Ga. on Sand Mountain on Sunday night of dedication day. Brother Floyd Irvin was with us and the Lord certainly blessed him in his preaching. He has brought more light on holiness in this community than has ever been before. I believe there were fourteen saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Services closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord surely blessed. We had a wonderful time. How I do praise Him for what He means to me just now. Oh, there is sweet peace in my soul. Brother Clarence Smith and I have lots to rejoice over as we certainly had a battle trying to get a Church of God church on this mountain. The devil surely did howl. We just kept holding to God's unchanging hand and, of course, He has never lost a battle and never will. There are good prospects of several more coming in the church as several have laid their tobacco down.

Pray much for us as we are but few in number and need your prayers.—Zelma L. McBrayer, clerk.

REVIVALS

NOLAN, W. Va. — We have just closed a good revival here at Nolan with good success. The Lord was with us from the very start till we closed. There were two saved, one sanctified and one came into the church. The revival ran fifteen nights with Sister Ruby Cay of Maysville, Ky. doing the preaching, assisted by the writer.—W. B. Branham, pastor of Chattaroy, W. Va.

MCCOLL, S. C.—We have closed a very successful revival meeting at the Church of God here at McColl, S. C. with the pastor, Brother M. G. Quinton, assisted by Brother Colie Edwards of Ruby, S. C. We couldn't keep account of the ones who were saved. There were about forty-five sanctified, about thirty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, forty-four added to the church and forty-three baptized in water. We truly praise God for the way He has blessed here. People are still being blessed. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless and that we will move on for God.—Edward Caison, clerk.

Tobacco

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cigarettes and said, among other things, "We know that thousands of boys are being ruined every year by the deadly

cigarette," not saying a word about the girls. What is the stand today about cigarettes?

Phillip's Institute in Philadelphia has made a careful study of tuberculosis and consumption and their investigation has proven that people who smoke are more susceptible to tuberculosis than those who do not smoke.

Cigarette smoking is a fad and a habit. Over two hundred and fifty thousand per minute; over one hundred billion per year, before our girls started into the habit. Enough money spent for tobacco to feed the nation and pay all the expense of our educational system in the grades.—*Homeland Messenger*.

Imagine the Savior chewing an old dirty cud of tobacco, his teeth stained with its poison, calling to poor souls enslaved by the ungodly filth, "Be ye holy even as I am holy." Imagine our dear Lord puffing away at a poison-filled cigarette, offering the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, and saying, "True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth," John 4:23. Paul, a follower of Christ, said to the Corinthians, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Imagine the Apostle Paul sitting down at the riverside, lighting a cigarette to the glory of God, and saying, "Heavenly Father, bless now this smoke of nicotine to the nourishment of my body and may the strength derived therefrom be used to thy glory. Amen." And then see him turn to his congregation and preach, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, *let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints*; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God," Eph. 5:3-5.

Oh yes, but I hear the Christian professor, tobacco advocate say, "The Bible doesn't say it is a sin." No, and the Bible doesn't happen to say not to eat rat tail stew, cricket salad, nor swill cocktail, but because of its uncleanness we would not be long in making our choice in the negative. The Bible doesn't happen to say not to eat arsenic, morphine, laudanum and strychnine, why don't you help yourself? Because you know better. Yet they will advocate "no harm in tobacco," when upon analysis we find nicotine is not the only poisonous element in tobacco, but there is; namely, prussic acid (used in manufacturing of military poison gas); ammonia (a colorless gas that destroys the mucus membrane); carbolic acid (a corrosive poison); acroline (a poison with a violent action on the eyes); carbon

monoxide (a poison gas); formaldehyde; methylene and many other less known poisons in tobacco.

Tobacco is an unnecessary habit, its use is strictly to satisfy the lustful desire of the flesh. What does the Bible say concerning the lust of the flesh? Read 1 Pet. 2:11, "Abstain from filthy lusts, which war against the soul." Gal. 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." 1 Cor. 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye (Christians) are."

Again I hear the tobacco-sanction Christian say in defense of himself, "The Bible says, 'Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man,' Matt. 15:11." All right, tobacco chewer, why that brown stream down your chin? Doesn't that come out? Cigarette smoker, why do you fill the air with that odorous poison? That good, tasty, nourishing tobacco weed, why don't you swallow it? Only one answer—It is *harmful and unclean*. Therefore, the Bible condemns its usage by man. And yet, so-called ministers of the gospel of righteousness cry, TOBACCO, NO HARM! NO HARM! God said, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil," Isa. 5:20.

I hear a reluctantly, submitting voice excuse itself by saying, "Oh well, tobacco isn't the only sin the Bible condemns" (admitting after all its sinfulness). No indeed, sad, but true there are plenty of other sins and filth that the human soul is indulging in that the Bible firmly condemns. But one sin does not excuse another, therefore, Christian professor, beware of the tobacco weed.

There is a certain class of so-called preachers going around from house to house trying to get prayer meetings in Church of God members' homes, claiming they are Pentecost, and they use the tobacco weed and say we are narrow. Yes, we are narrow all right. We are so narrow they can't stand to walk with us in this narrow way.

One certain party visited my church and a number of people (strangers to me) said he was a wonderful preacher. I let him preach and as soon as he started I could tell the way he held his mouth he was a tobacco chewer, and before he got through he tried to preach Jesus only. I began to pray and he got so he could not remember the words he intended to say. Finally he sat down. (Pastors, beware of them that come in sheep clothing. Within they are ravening wolves.) I had the opportunity to preach. This man was sitting in the rear of the church and I brought in some points against tobacco, then he started out trying to scatter the flock, but God was with us and gave us

more souls. We need to be established and unmovable, not carried about with every wind of doctrine. Stick to the Church of God and its teaching and you will reap rewards abundantly.

Some say they can't quit tobacco; they get sick and almost die. Well, I would rather die trusting God than die not trusting Him. Shortly after I got converted I did not know it was wrong to use tobacco. On the way home from church I stopped in a drug store and bought a package of cigarettes. Some of the Christians saw me and one said to my wife, "Don't say anything, but he will be condemned on his tobacco." By the time I smoked half of the package I felt like I had backslid. I went to the altar and pleaded to God to show me what was wrong. On the way home another night I started to fill up my pipe and something said, "Don't use that." I walked a few steps thinking it over and wondered why that voice spoke to me like that, so I started to fill up again and the voice spoke again, "Don't smoke that!" I looked back and saw some church folks coming. I waited for them and when they came up I asked them if it was wrong to use tobacco. They said, "You have been condemned." I went on home and still hesitated to fill my pipe. That night I kneeled down and talked to God. Next morning I got up, had breakfast and started for my pipe and the same voice seemed to say, "Don't touch that." I had one pipe full of tobacco left and another voice said, "Smoke that pipe full and then quit." I started towards my pipe and tobacco (which were lying on the table) and a sweeter voice seemed to speak, "Don't touch that." I stopped and thought, "I wonder if that is the Lord" and I felt His presence. I looked at the pipe and tobacco and told my wife I believed I would quit tobacco. She said, "I thought you would do that next." (I thought she was making mock of me for getting too religious.) I looked at the tobacco again and turned around and said, "I'll die before I ever use another bit of it," and suddenly the crave of tobacco left me and I have not had another taste of it in my mouth since. How much better I feel, I can not explain, but oh, how God did bless me after that. It lasted for weeks and weeks, so the more we give up to God the more victory we have. May God help you, is my prayer for all who may be enslaved to the tobacco weed. I hope this has been a blessing to you and will help you to overcome the habit of tobacco.

Notes of Praise (Continued from page 9)

BRODHEAD, Ky.—I truly praise the Lord for what He is to me right now and for the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His healing power and I feel

that in telling some of my experience it might help someone else. I suffered for about six years (by spells) with something under my short ribs. I truly believe it was a cancer on the inside. I couldn't be still at times, it burned and gnawed-like, it was agony.

I found the Lord June 21, 1936 and got better, but grew worse again. The Lord had healed my husband of stomach trouble when Brother Waldon Asher prayed for him, so I wanted him to pray for me, still I was afraid to ask him to. I was afraid he would discern something in my life, for I knew I had some faults. Now when we feel this way we are lacking sure enough, so I thought if we are condemned so we can't stand before man (who is so small in God's sight) how can we look on the precious Son of God at His appearing? For the Word says we shall be like Him. I wrote Brother Asher and he answered. He told me some things I must do to be healed. I tried to meet conditions without promising God very much, afraid I might fail. I was afraid to tell the Lord I'd trust Him, live or die. "Why halt ye between two opinions? Choose you this day whom ye will serve," Josh. 24:15. So I didn't get healed then.

I wrote Brother Rouse for him to anoint a cloth for me. It didn't do me any good either. I heard Brother Asher was coming down. I made up my mind to meet conditions regardless of the cost and before he anointed me I felt that I was healed. Oh, there are so many things I could say for Jesus and never praise Him enough. Listen, we can't hold one thing between us and God; if our hearts condemn us God is greater than the heart. Let's do everything we know to do that is good and pure then we are not ashamed to call on the Lord. Bless His dear name! Oh, He is a Friend that will go all the way with us. He has healed many times in our home.

Just a few words concerning our little three-year-old girl who ate some lye. I don't know how much she swallowed but the flesh would roll off when I wiped it out of her teeth where the cloth touched her, and she said her throat was sore. She was a pitiful sight. Brother Smeltzer, Brother A. R. Hughes, and Sister Hughes, his mother, prayed for her and the Lord wonderfully healed her and she could eat the next morning. Some said all the praying would do her no good for she would die, but praise the Lord, she is well and happy. I do pray this will help you that need healing. The Lord will do to trust and will never fail us.—Mrs. James Bishop, Star Route, Box 28.

COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my husband's body. I know one thing God can and does heal for He said He would and

He healed our dear little girl when she was a baby. She was very sick with colitis and was only three months old. We loved her so dearly and wanted to do something for her so we took her to the doctor. When we left home with her we didn't think she would be alive when we got to a doctor, but I just asked the Lord to help her. The doctor gave us a prescription and charged us \$1.00 for it. We went to the drug store and got the medicine which cost \$1.00. When we got home we began to give it to her and kept it up until we had given her the fifth dose. She was far worse than she was at first. Her little eyes set in her head three times one day, and oh, what a trying time for me! I told my husband I would not give any more of that to her if she did die, so I set it up and forgot all about it. We gave her teas for a while but nothing did any good.

There was a revival on at our church at Brindley's Chapel, where my husband, our oldest daughter and I are members, so we took her there. I would ask for prayer for my baby every night and sometimes the devil would say, "Someone will laugh at you; she won't get well anyway," but I would just say, "Lord, help me to ask for prayer for my baby," and after I would ask for prayer I would feel better. My baby got so bad that we could see the shape of her little intestines. The last night of the revival was at hand and my baby was still sick. I asked again for prayer and the dear Lord touched her little body and in three days' time she was so much better. I told my husband that I felt like she had been dead and the Lord just gave her back to us. Oh, He is so good to us!

The next spring she took the same way again and we prayed for her several times but it seemed she got worse, so I decided to give her some castor oil. While giving her some I thought I would give her a good dose so I was giving her another teaspoonful, and oh, how sick it made her. I could nearly see death in her little face. I threw the spoon on the table and told my husband if God would forgive me for trying to give her that I never would give her another dose. We prayed for her again after reading the 16th chapter of St. Mark, and trusted the Lord for her. She was better the next morning and was well in less than a week. I have lots to praise the Lord for.

Please pray for my husband and baby to be healed. We have eight sweet children and love all of them. Please pray that God will save every one of them. The oldest girl has the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will give us more faith.—Mrs. John Cooley, Rt. 2.

ICARD, N. C.—I praise the Lord today for old-time salvation that I can feel deep down in my soul. Glory to God! I

was called to preach the gospel and I did not want to go. I displeased the Lord and God was merciful to me and strove with me about a year and I did not obey. At last the death angel visited my home and took my loving baby. Then it seemed I had rather die myself for he was the jewel in my home. I thought I couldn't stand to see my baby go, but he sang three days before he died and said he was going to die. He sang, "I am on my way to Canaan land, praise the Lord I'm on my way," and raised his hand toward heaven. Oh, I knew it was because I had disobeyed God. I said, "Lord, why did you take my baby?" Then the sweet voice of Jesus seemed to say, "Why did you not obey me?" and I cried and said, "Lord, I will go," and today I am trying to please Jesus. He is a wonderful Savior to me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Thank the Lord for what I feel now. I want you saints to pray for me. I surely need prayer. I love the Church of God, it is the soul-filling station. I am looking for my Lord so I can soon go home to my Savior and that loving child. God knows my heart and knows I am just a weak servant but He said He would go with me even unto the end. Glory to God! Pray for my loved ones. God bless every one.—Edith Stilwell.

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KEW TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—Dear saints, I praise Jesus for saving me, sanctifying me, and, most of all, baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost.

I am an evangelist and by the help of the Lord I desire to hold out to the end. Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." Saints, sometimes I have to go barefoot and hungry, sometimes almost naked, but I am trusting God for all things, knowing that He promised to open a way for me. I ask the saints everywhere to please help me pray for both spiritual and temporal needs, that God will help me to carry this gospel to lost souls.—Mary A. Arthur.

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BENTON, Ill.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, God has been our healer for five years. He is our Savior, healer and keeper. Praise His name.

Two years ago just before the Illinois state camp meeting here at Benton my oldest boy got his hand injured by the explosion of a dynamite cap. The next day our camp meeting began. We took him before God. He healed his hand completely and it is not crippled at all.

After criticism and pity, people telling us he would take blood poison, and everything but encouragement, we trusted God and won the victory. Praise God forever.

Last November God so wonderfully healed me of rabbit fever. Olive oil applied in the name of our Jesus is the only aid ever to reach my body. Oh, He is so wonderful, we could praise Him a lifetime and hardly begin then. Glory to God.

Just this past week He healed our baby boy. He was stricken with fever and lay from Sunday evening until Thursday night talking wild and burning with a high temperature. Thursday night before midnight I went to him. I really believe death was on him. His eyes were sunk back in his head and he had the look of death on his face. We got some of the saints from Benton and Logan over and we got hold of God. The Holy Ghost came down; God touched his body and in twenty minutes his fever had left him and he knew everyone in the room. We changed his clothes and placed him in his bed and he went to sleep and has never had another bit of fever nor been delirious again. He is up now and looking fine and fattening like he had never been sick. Praise God forever.

Please pray for us to stay true to God, and pray for my husband who is afflicted in body and trusting God fully. Pray for me and my family. There are five children and three have the Holy Ghost. I am proud of my children and for a Christian home. Anyone who wishes to write me, I will be glad, and for proof of my testimony write Brother Stanley Joplin, bishop, Benton, Ill., or Sister Barbara A. King, evangelist, Eldorado, Ill.—Mrs. Irene King, Gen. Del.

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LAURENS, S. C.—May God's blessings rest on this that it may be a blessing as it goes. We see a scripture in Job 17:13, "If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness." Now then, friends, we understand that Job at this time was under the hand of great affliction. God had allowed the devil to afflict him. Now Job was a man who loved God and obeyed Him and God blessed him, because God said he was a perfect man and he walked upright before God. I tell you, my friend, we need more Jobs today who will stand for the truth and live it and be a blessing as we pass through life. Though all of Job's near friends turned away from him he was determined to trust in God and to serve Him and honor Him and let the

world know that He was Lord of lords. God help us people to be like Job. We live in a greater dispensation than Job did. Oh, that we will stand firm for the truth of God's Word.

I am glad I am in this good way. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I feel it burning now on the altar of my heart. I am glad I belong to the Church of God; it just suits me. God bless these few words now.

If anyone would like to have my service, drop me a card.—E. M. Horne, Rt. 1, Box 157-B, Laurens, S. C.

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EMPIRE, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord because I can feel His sweet presence just now and for the way I feel in both soul and body. I praise the Lord because He heals me when I get sick and I am trusting Him for both soul and body.

Last September I was afflicted in body. I had hay fever in my eyes and it seemed as if they would go out. For the past twelve years I had been weak in body. The doctors said I had T. B. in one lung. When fall came I would be in bed for two or three weeks and again when spring came the same thing. I could wash a little in the summer by my husband helping me. I had had prayer lots of times and the Lord touched my body, but one day I read a piece in the dear old Evangel of how the Lord had healed through Sister Ben Ellis' prayers. I wrote her and she sent me an anointed cloth, and praise the Lord, I am healed. I can do my washing and have been doing it ever since. Sometimes this last winter I washed twice a week and haven't had a severe cold. The Lord has done great things for me, therefore I am glad. He has healed me of side pleurisy and other things. I praise Him for everything He has done for me.

Please pray for my companion, mother, brothers and sisters that the Lord will save them before it is too late. Pray for our little church at Town Creek that the Lord will give us a great revival and many souls will be saved.—Mrs. Verna Lewis, Rt. 1.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
Texas State Convention—August 4-6
Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13
Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13
Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13
Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13
Mississippi—August 10-13
Iowa Camp Meeting—Aug. 25-Sept. 3
Louisiana—August 24-27
Maine—September 1-4